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AN EARNEST WORD TO AGENTS.

A few weeks ago we sent a complete outfit, including prospectus, to the ministers in the Brethren Church, requesting them, either to act as agent for the EVANGELIST or help us to secure a good agent in each congregation. We trust you are now actively engaged in the work and that your efforts will result in a large subscription list for the EVANGELIST. If you have not yet begun the work, enter upon it now; it is growing late, and you need to redouble your strength to make our publishing interests a great success. We offer extraordinary inducements to all our subscribers, and agents should have no difficulty in getting a good list of names for the paper. If any of our readers are in need of a Bible, *purchase one now* with a subscription to the EVANGELIST, at a little more than half the regular price of the Bible. Or if you wish other papers along with the EVANGELIST, here are *four* for \$2.00. BRETHREN EVANGELIST, *King's Children*, *Cheering Words*, and the *Bible Reader*. This will make a good supply of good reading matter for your family at a very small cost. Send in your subscription now. Back numbers can be furnished. We hope to hear good work being done by all our agents.

A NEW YEAR'S MEDITATION.

A good brother sends us this beautiful meditation intended for the opening of the year. It came a little too late for the first issue in the new year, but we gladly give it space now. The thought contained in it is very beautiful, and we would that each member of the church could, in sincerity of heart, repeat these words:

Oh, it is such a great joy to come before God on my knees and worship and thank Him for His rich goodness to me!

He has so very richly blessed me in the past of my life and I have been so cold and unappreciative of His favors and so sinful too in His sight.

I have been so abundantly blessed in a physical way. All of the comforts of life

have been mine. Surely "He has withheld no good thing from me." But above all he has created me a human being and given me a soul that longs and thirsts and set me in surroundings that touch the soul in so many ways and soothes and satisfies the longings and thirstings. I thank him for this.

And then the Spirit of God is opening to me more and more the way of real life and joy and possibility. The way to drink fully and freely of the good things of life as they come to me. How great is His loving tender kindness!

I pray that God, through Jesus, may continue to be patient with me; and pass by my sins and failures and folly and to lead me yet nearer to Him and farther into the mysteries of the spirit of Christ. That he may draw me to love Him more and more. That He may help me to lead men and women into the real joy and blessings of the life in Christ, and to know his present salvation. Oh God, send the power of Thy Spirit into our lives for Jesus' sake.

THE YEAR 1894-1895.

No mechanism is so delicate, no scale so perfectly adjusted, as to indicate just when December dies and January is born.

As a spirit passes from the life that now is to that which is to come in less than an appreciable instant, so pass we from the Old Year, with its "scroll writ," to the New, with its fair pages before us.

Will our record fill the three hundred and sixty-five?

The banker knows how much gold he has in his vault; but while he knows what has been drawn out of the treasury of Time, he can never tell with certainty how much remains.

The opening year is the season for making resolutions. Every wise man should make a trial balance, not of his business alone, but of his health, his domestic state, his friendships, his unfinished plans, and, above all, of his moral and religious character—what his prospects are in that unknown realm for which he must one day set out, perhaps on sudden summons; what treasure, if any, has he laid up in heaven. If any sinful path has been trodden in the past year, recall its pitfalls, and determine that, with the help of God, it shall be avoided.

The help of God! This is the key, the only key, which can unlock the door to peace and security in all the future.

As subjects in the kingdom of God, we shall be prepared to receive whatever the months may bring, and we can bear all—

*** knowing this;
God rules the years, and we are His."

J. M. Buckley.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Lakeville, Ind., reports one by baptism, through Sister Hostetler.

Brother Rensch preached for the Brethren at Ankenytown over Sunday.

The editor goes to Buckeye City, Ohio, to preach Saturday evening, Sunday morning and evening.

Sister Ellen Gnagey of Milledgeville, Ill., sends us a subscription list of *forty-two*, and promises more.

Brother Miller preached two excellent sermons in the College Chapel on Sunday morning and evening.

Brother M. N. Garber, Leon, Iowa, reports four accessions by baptism recently, and also the organization of a King's Children society.

We hope the friendly admonition by Bro. D. A. Hopkins, will be kindly received. It is good advice and all of us should endeavor to profit by it.

Brother D. C. Cripe, sends news of a glorious revival at Elkhart, Ind. Nine accessions by baptism so far. Brother Menaugh does the preaching.

The students of the college have had their brief vacation, and are now hard at work again. Quite a number of new names have been added to the list.

At this writing, the Brethren church, Hamlin, Kan., is having a glorious revival, conducted by Brother J. D. McFaden. Ten accessions so far, and others on the way.

Brother W. S. Kokendoffer, Montevallo, Mo., is to us, a new contributor to the *Church News Department*. He reports two by baptism. The brother writes nicely and we shall hope to hear from him again.

Brother Beal spent his vacation at home, returned to the school on Jan. 1, and the day after the editor feasted on a nice fat young turkey. Comments are not necessary. Thanks to Brother Beal and his folks at home.

For next week we have on the "hook", a lengthy article on the "Passover and the Lord's Supper" by P. J. Brown. It is a new treatment of the subject, and our people will be greatly interested to know what the brother has to say.

Brother Kiehl, of Dayton, Ohio, has adopted a new plan to increase the subscription list to the EVANGELIST. He takes monthly subscriptions, makes monthly collections and remittances. This enables the poorest man to take the paper.